

What's Happening - In Brief

A Note from Amanda Allen (CEO of Age UK North Worcs) - October 2025

- Based on the latest population projections for the UK, by 2030 there will be over 15 million people aged 65+, which equates to one in five of the population. In the last few weeks Age UK has published its report, The State of Health and Care of Older People in England 2025, marking the 10th anniversary of its first annual assessment of how well the health and social care system meets the needs of older people. Ten years on, the new report reveals that,
- while more of us are living longer, on many other measures we have gone backwards. Fewer people are getting long-term social care support, fewer key health staff are working in the community, and perhaps worst of all, we are living fewer years in good health. You can access the full report from the Age UK website
- With the challenges of the national picture being felt day-to-day within our local work, it can sometimes be easy to lose sight of our achievements and the collective difference that we are making. On 23rd October we held our **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) - thank you to all those that were able to attend! Whilst a key focus of the AGM is to review the charity's finances (and to sign-off the annual accounts), it is also an opportunity for us to look back and reflect upon Our

Impact & Performance - an extract of the 2024/25 Summary presented at the AGM is included - please speak with your line manager or contact me if you would like more information

Over 60% of the income raised to fund our work across North Worcestershire comes from our Charity Shops and this month we celebrated our **Matchborough** (Redditch) Shop's10th Birthday! In addition to a special 10th Birthday Raffle, we were also able to say a special

'Thank You' to volunteers Sandra Kelly and Jean Redman (for 10 year's service) and Ness Stanton and Bea Widdop (who have both volunteered at the shop













#MeetPenny - Positive Ageing Week

 As part of Positive Ageing Week, we linked up with Age UK Wyvern, Active Herefordshire & Worcestershire, Worcestershire County Council and Herefordshire Council for a joint campaign

to celebrate the power of movement. To help inspire more local older people to get active, Penny, a regular at our NewSong Move More Class, very kindly agreed to be 'our face' of the campaign. You can read more about Penny on the



News section of our website https://bit.ly/473lzYb

£10 for I&A - Sarah's Marathon Effort

 On 25th October Sarah
 Whitehouse (daughter of our Finance Manager, Hilary Farmiloe) is taking on the Lisbon Marathon to help raise funds for our

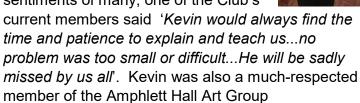


£10k for I&A campaign - at the time of writing, Sarah has raised an amazing £840! To support Sarah, please visit www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-whitehouse-lisbonmarathon-ageuk

Remembering Irene & Kevin

- In the last few weeks we have received the very sad news about the passing of two people who both did so much to support the charity
 - Irene Franklin was the Tutor for our Redditch Art Group for several years when the group was based at Easemore Road. Members of the group have said that Irene will be remembered for her 'excellent leadership, quirky style with a devotion to Art and the teaching of art to her class'
 - For the last 18+ years volunteer Kevin Foster has devoted a lot of his time (and effort) to the running of

our Amphlett Hall Computer Clubs.
Over the years Kevin has helped and supported so many people and, in 2021, Kevin became the second recipient of the charity's Volunteer of the Year Award. Reflecting the sentiments of many, one of the Club's



Don't Miss Out

 The creative talents of our Bromsgrove and Redditch Art Groups have combined to produce a

very special **2026 Calendar**. The A4
Calendar is
currently in the
process of being
printed (with a
suggested
minimum donation
of £6) but anybody
interested in
securing a copy



(copies) can contact Jo Hughes

 Bromsgrove Men In Sheds are in the process of putting together their 2025 Christmas Range, including a 'Crimbo Jimbo' and these Pallet Snowmen. Please contact Jo Hughes if you are interested



Upcoming Events

- On 14th November (10am-1pm) our High Street (Bromsgrove) Charity Shop is hosting a BT Drop-In for anybody wanting information about the switchover of landlines to digital
- All staff and volunteers are invited to a free Christmas Get Together event at Amphlett Hall (3-5pm) on 6th December.
 RSVP to Lynne Linley, Sam Jones or

Kate Ware

